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For: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR
FABRICATION OF ABSORBANCE AND
FLUORESCENCE STANDARDS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, finally rejecting claims 17-31, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

This submission is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a three month extension of time. Applicants note that the Patent Office was closed on May 30, 2005 (Memorial Day).